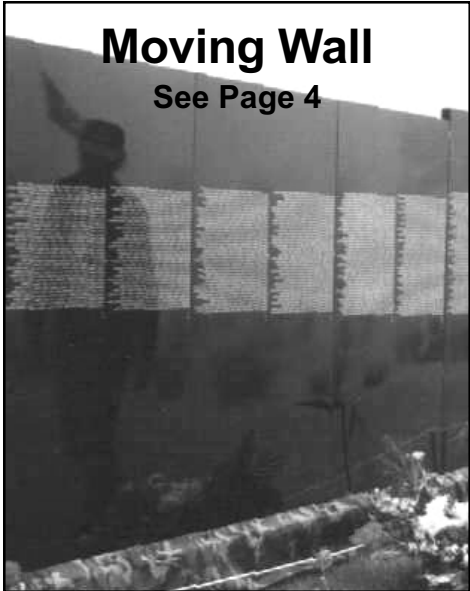
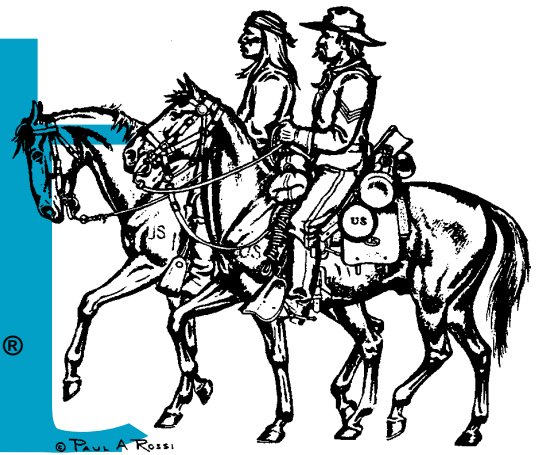


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### CID needs your help

Fort Huachuca's Criminal Investigation Division is seeking information concerning a larceny, which took place on the installation.

Person(s) unknown unlawfully entered the Electronic Proving Ground's Motor Pool through the fence, between 5 p.m. March 29, and noon, April 3, 2000. This area is located off Kilbourne Avenue.

Taken from the Motor Pool were two red and black Honda 5 kw generators, model numbers EG5000 and EG5000X, serial numbers 4116571 and 4108889; a Honda red and black 6.5 kw generator, model number EB6500, serial number AKJ0161; and a yellow hydraulic dolly, model number DPL-54-2222, serial number 85053.

Anyone with knowledge of this crime is asked to contact Special Agent Rich McDowell at 533-5202. The identity of persons providing information will be kept confidential.

### Skunk alert

Medical authorities have confirmed that a skunk captured two weeks ago in the vicinity of Grierson St. had rabies. Residents are warned not to handle any dead, injured or suspicious animals seen on post. "Don't call your neighbors, call the right people," said Lt. Col. Hazel Ivey, chief, Preventive Medicine Services at the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Clinic. Notify the military police at 533-2181 or the fort's Veterinary Services at 533-2767.

### Cochise Theater closed

Cochise Theater and the Barracks Telephone Office, located near the AAFES Main Exchange, will be closed Tuesday-April 21 during the installation of a new air conditionings system and replacement of the main power lines to the building.

## DA honors local legal assistance team

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Fort Huachuca's Legal Assistance Office was recently awarded the 1999 Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance.

The local office was among the 46 active-duty and reserve-component commands receiving the award.

Across the Army, 83 active-duty offices provided legal assistance during 1999, 58 of these applied for the award, along with seven reserve-component legal offices.

Each office was evaluated on the quality of legal assistance provided to eligible clients, innovations to provide better client services, adequacy of legal assistance facilities, quality of preventive law efforts and publications; and legal experience of attorneys.

The personnel responsible for services at Fort Huachuca during the period covered by the award were the Chiefs of Client Services, Capts. Maria Doucettperry and Paul Cucuzzella; Legal Assistance Attorneys, Capts. Lanny Acosta and Leslie Rowley; and Legal Specialists, Sgts. Bra-

dley Curtis, Daryl Okamuro and Blaine Felker.

Gen. John Wickham first authorized the annual awards in 1986 to recognize those active-duty legal assistance offices that consistently provided excellent legal services. There are three award categories based on the size of the active-duty Staff Judge Advocate office. In 1996, a separate category was established for reserve-component legal assistance offices. Receiving the award recognizes a long year of hard

work in helping fellow soldiers so that they can concentrate on the mission on hand.

Personal legal assistance services are an important benefit for soldiers, retirees, and their family members. In 1999, 200 legal assistance attorneys around the world provided legal assistance to almost 180,000 clients by preparing wills and powers of attorney, filing income tax returns, notarizing documents, and handling other personal legal matters.

The services that legal assistance offices provide save soldiers money and help soldiers resolve matters that might distract them from their military mission. These

client legal services, which officials estimate as worth over \$60 million, contribute to military readiness and quality of life.

In addition, these services proactively ensure that personal legal difficulties are avoided entirely or substantially minimized in many cases. The global availability of legal assistance providers reduces the uneasiness and tension often accompanying frequent relocations and deployments, particularly for those personnel overseas, according to officials.

Doucettperry, chief of client services, said the Fort Huachuca Legal Assistance Office is staffed with legal professionals who strive to help every person who walks through the door, to the best of their ability and resources.

"We constantly strive for improvement," she said. "For example, we are currently updating our preventive law self-help area, so that people can obtain information on a variety of topics to help themselves. We are also working to improve our website by adding preventive law articles and helpful information and websites, so that our clients can obtain information there.

"In addition, we have created a family law video for clients so that they can obtain information concerning divorce/child

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## Fort Huachuca plans farewell for Lt. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, will host a farewell ceremony for Lt. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy, deputy chief of staff for military intelligence, May 8 at 4 p.m. at the gazebo on Brown Parade Field.

The ceremony is Kennedy's farewell to the Military Intelligence Corps. Fort Huachuca is home to the Army's Military Intelligence Corps.

General Kennedy has held a variety of command and staff positions throughout her career. Key assignments include: Commander, 3d Operations Battalion, U.S. Army Field Station Augsburg, Germany; Commander, San Antonio Recruiting Battalion, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, and Commander, 703d Military Intelligence Brigade, Field Station Kunia, Hawaii.

She has served as Operations Officer, U.S. Army Field Station Augsburg, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command; Staff Officer, Director of Training, Office of the Deputy Chief of

Staff for Operations and Plans, Washington, DC; the Director of Intelligence, G2, Forces Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia and as the Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca/Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Intelligence School at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Units participating in the ceremony include the 36th U.S. Army Band, Fort Huachuca Honor Guard, the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, the 306th MI Battalion, the 304th MI Bn., the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Huachuca, and the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.



Army photo

Lt. Gen. Claudia J. Kennedy

# The Scout's Chaplain

## Turning it off before it gets started

By Chap. (Col.) Thomas R. Decker  
Installation Staff Chaplain

Okay, Scout, I rented a video the other night. The movie had a top name actor, a military theme and the promise of suspense. It also had an R rating, but hey, I'm an adult and I know what goes on here.

How many times have you heard — or used — that line?

About 40 minutes into the movie, the action turned violent, then downright ugly, and brutally offensive. It was a rape scene in an Army training environment.

My wife said, "Why are we watching this?" She then added authoritatively, "Turn it off."

Sheepishly I complied, knowing that she was right.

We get more than we bargain for in what comes into our homes via the media. The violence includes rape and also child and spouse abuse, suicides, drive by shootings, addictions of every stripe, murders carried out in vivid detail, terrorist bombings and overkill in "action" movies.

A long time ago I took my five-year-old son to the hometown 4th of July celebration which included the reenactment of a settler vs. Native American massacre. My son asked me "Daddy, why those people killing each other?" I didn't have a real good answer for him, and wrote a letter to

the editor to propose that the community rethink the annual reenactment on account of its violence.

Several angry letter writers let me know that I was out of line. They said in effect that violence is as American as apple pie. Get real, Reverend!

I do not monitor the TV for little ones in my house but my recent experience with the rented movie taught me that I need to consider its impact on the woman I share my life with and myself.

None of us needs the violence, and yet, the inclination is to watch the movie. Perhaps we tolerate questionable material because it titillates. Maybe there is a voyeuristic need to experience what is otherwise a forbidden zone.

At any rate, turning on the television or renting a video requires a decision about what gets into house and into our psyche.

The control button is the on/off switch, but that is controlled by hearts and minds. True, nobody knows what we watch or why, but it does effect those who matter most — be it self, spouse or kids.

Maybe we need to be adult enough to admit that some things are not worth the investment of our time and money. Turning off the movie was one of the best things that I've done lately, and a cheap lesson at only \$1.50.

# Transitional Compensation is financial safety net for abuse victims

By Harriet Rice, PAO  
U.S. Army Community, Family Support Ctr.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Domestic violence.

It's an unpleasant subject and it's sad when it occurs anywhere — in the military or the civilian community. The most extreme cases, which are few and far between, become fodder for the media as happened both in 1994 when Time magazine published a feature entitled The Living Room War and again last January when 60 Minutes aired a disturbing segment called The War at Home.

There are claims that domestic violence in the military is several times higher than in the civilian sector, reporters attempt to establish a connection between military warfighting training and violence in the home.

The fact is, while Army officials do not claim domestic violence doesn't exist, they

do operate Family Advocacy Programs at every installation that focus on prevention, victim advocacy and commander involvement.

"The whole country is becoming more sensitive to the issue of family violence.

Communities are doing more to protect women and children. We're aware of our families needs and FAP is just one of many programs designed to help families with a variety of situations," said Brig. Gen. Craig B. Whelden, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, the agency responsible for the Army's Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, including FAP.

Whelden continued, "We're taking proactive, aggressive measures to prevent, identify and intervene at the earliest known time of an incident, we are establishing a victim advocacy pro-

“Transitional compensation was set up specifically to encourage spouses to report without fear of reprisal and to make sure there is transition pay if, in fact, the soldier is court-martialed, loses pay or has some other kind of disciplinary or judicial action taken against him that affects the family’s income.”

Delores Johnson

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# Letter to the Editor

## Reader offers little ‘help’ for chief of nursing administration

Dear Editor:

In reference to the article in *The Fort Huachuca Scout* dated March 2, 2000. Lt. Col. James Hickey, chief of nursing administration, stated in the article titled—Fort Huachuca has good shot record—that he did not understand why military members were reluctant to take the Anthrax vaccine.

After reading the article I decided to “help” Lt. Col. Hickey better understand why some service members are reluctant to take the vaccine. I hope this enlightens the chief of nursing administration and other readers of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* as well.

I am listing 10 Anthrax Vaccine Facts, and an article regarding information released by the DoD on anthrax vaccine reactions.

**Anthrax Vaccine Facts** (from: [www.gulfwarvets.com/anthrax.htm](http://www.gulfwarvets.com/anthrax.htm))

1. According to the FDA product information leaflet, NO scientific studies have been performed to determine if the Anthrax vaccine causes cancer.
2. According to the FDA product information leaflet, NO scientific studies have been performed on the Anthrax Vaccine to determine if it has any effect on fertility. This applies to both males and females. It is NOT known if this drug will effect your fertility or, if successful in conceiving, the fetus.
3. According to the FDA product information leaflet, NO scientific studies have been performed on the Anthrax vaccine to determine if it will protect you from inhaled anthrax spores.
4. According to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute

of Infectious Diseases, there is NO scientific evidence to suggest that this vaccine will protect you from aerosolized anthrax.

5. A principal chemical component of the Anthrax Vaccine, formaldehyde, is not approved for human consumption according to the U.S. Government Material Data Safety Sheet.
6. A principal chemical component of the Anthrax Vaccine, benzethonium chloride, has not been evaluated for human consumption according to the U.S. Government.
7. The only facility licensed to produce the Anthrax Vaccine has been cited by the FDA for quality control problems.
8. On March 3 1998, Secretary Cohen mandated “supplemental testing, consistent with Food and Drug Administration

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# Fort Huachuca drug numbers rising rapidly

By Sgt. Cullen James  
Scout Staff

Fort Huachuca’s drug offense numbers have more than doubled from the fourth quarter of 1999 to the first quarter of 2000.

A drug use analysis from the Fort Huachuca Military Police shows fourth quarter ‘99s numbers at 1.78 offenses for every 1,000 soldiers. For the first quarter of 2000, that number increased to 4.94 offenses per 1,000, and at halfway through the second quarter the number was at 5.14 per 1,000.

These numbers work out to 25 offenses for the first quarter and 26 so far in the second quarter. There has been a slight increase in the Training and Doctrine Command average, but TRADOC’s numbers are still below two per 1,000, according to Lt. Col. Peter Mroczkiewicz, provost marshal, Fort Huachuca Directorate of Public Safety.

“I don’t think we’d see the numbers shoot up this fast if it was just an increase in users,” said Mroczkiewicz. “I don’t know exactly what accounts for the increase, but the detection has to be getting better – it’s reflected in the statistics.”

“I think the problem’s been going on for a while — we’re just beginning to identify the extent,” said Capt. Vincent Chambers, commander, Military Police Company and Fort Huachuca’s Law Enforcement Division chief.

Chambers attributes much of the recent drug busts to the close working relationship between Fort Huachuca MPs, civilian law enforcement and other intelligence gathering agencies. “There are intelligence

organizations that call us when they know a drug shipment is coming. They can tell us when, where and how much of a drug is coming. We can be proactive rather than reactive and actively look for people.”

The majority of drug offenses on post were identified by urinalysis, but Chambers added, “The problem’s been here. When you start turning over rocks and finding things, the stuff under there isn’t new, it’s always been there. We’re just starting to find more of it.”

### Rehabilitation

Kenneth H. Bowles, education coordinator for the Army Substance Abuse Program said, “Our office offers a variety of resources and opportunities to help soldiers and civilians who have a problem with drugs or alcohol.”

Bowles said if someone recognizes that they have a problem, they can ask from help from ASAP with no negative impact on their careers. This is also true for individuals sent to the ASAP with a command referral.

“A soldier who has been identified as using drugs must be processed for separation,” Bowles said, “but a commander can recommend retention.” Soldiers who have been promptly referred to ASAP for treatment and effectively respond to treatment and stop their alcohol or drug use entirely can often demonstrate to their commander that they are now worth retention. This is also true for someone who has received a DUI.

“The chronic drinker, and regular drug user can be recognized with relative ease,

but leaders and supervisors do not respond even when they see it,” Bowles said.

“We offer an intense two-hour supervisor workshop for all leaders, managers and supervisors to help them recognize alcohol or drug abuse problems,” Bowles explained. The class also covers how to intervene, and how to bring about a referral to our program, either voluntarily, or through the use of a command referral, before the soldier gets into trouble with the law or has a positive urine test.

“Individuals with an alcohol or drug problem define their use of alcohol or drugs differently than you and I see it,” Bowles said, “so in their minds they do not have a problem. That is why in most cases, that person must be command referred.”

“Commanders are aware of what punishments or punitive measures they can give under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, but to be effective, the action must be certain, evenly applied, and severe enough to get someone’s attention,” he said. “Most of the people in my Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention Training classes are facing separation from the service.”

“Drunken driving is punishable under Article 111 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice,” said Lt. Col. Rafael Lara, Fort Huachuca deputy Staff Judge Advocate.

Soldiers receiving a DUI anywhere are subject to the UCMJ. “Those receiving a DUI citation on post can expect immediate action from their command,” he said.

These actions may include court martial, Article 15, administrative separation, or general officer memorandum of reprimand.

Soldiers receiving a DUI in Cochise County with a blood alcohol content under 0.14 can also expect immediate action thanks to an agreement with the Cochise County giving Fort Huachuca jurisdiction over such cases.

Soldiers with a BAC over of 0.14 or greater will be prosecuted by civilian authorities but may still receive administrative action from their command such as separation or reprimand.

An Article 15 imposed by a field grade officer can be forfeiture of one-half months pay for two months, Lara said. “Besides extra duty, a soldier can also be placed on restriction.” Soldiers in grade E4 and below can be busted all the way down to E1. Sergeants in grades E5 and E6 can only lose

one rank. These punishments are listed in Table 3-1 of AR 27-10, which lists the maximum punishments that can be imposed.

As far as drug use is concerned, Lara said, AR 635-200 Chapter 14-12c(2) states that offenders below the grade of E5 or with less than three years total service may be separated from the service.

Chapter 14-12c(2)(a) dictates that initiation of separation procedures is mandatory for those with more than three years

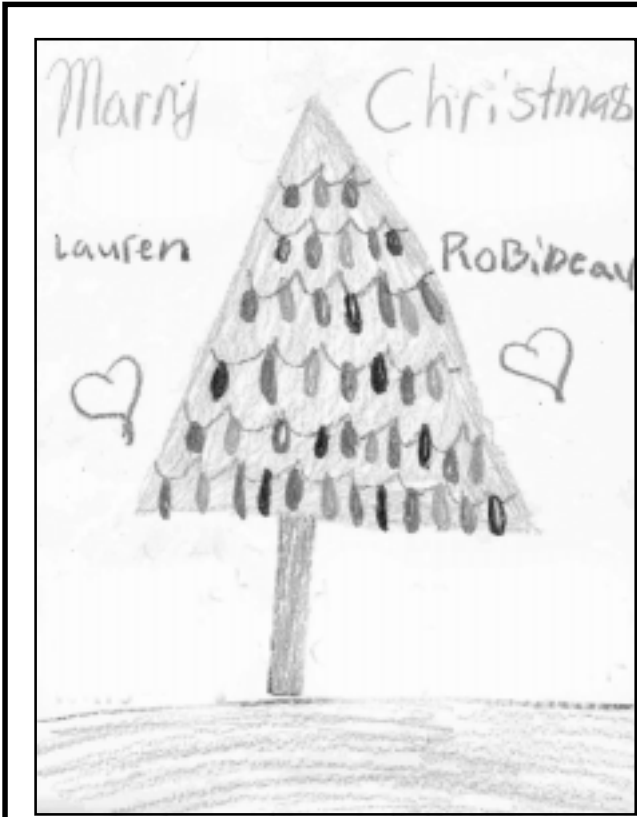
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Kenneth H. Bowles



## Giving Tree kicks off with Tigger

### Chapel release

The Giving Tree Program kicks off Saturday at the Cochise Theater the with the 2 p.m. matinee movie, *Tigger*. For those who bring a new toy plus 99 cents for admission, they will be receive a free pass to attend a future AAFES movie. Toys are available for purchase at the Post Exchange Toyland.

The Installation Giving Tree Program provides toys to children of DoD personnel assigned to Fort Huachuca.

Giving Tree activities continue on May 13 with the Tailgate Rummage sale in the Post Exchange parking lot 7-11:30 a.m.

The Giving Tree Logo is by Lauren Robideau, 9, of Chapel Watchcare.

## Alternative futures meeting scheduled

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

The next meeting for the “Alternative Futures for the Upper San Pedro River Basin, Arizona and Sonora” project will be Friday at noon in the Arizona National Bank, 1160 Fry Boulevard.

The Harvard School of Design, the Desert Research Institute and the Army’s Construction Engineering Research Lab are conducting the project.

The researchers will present four of the alternative future land-use scenarios which were created based on input from San Pedro River basin residents, and discuss potential impacts of each scenario as evaluated through a series of simulation models. The scenarios combine possible land use development for both the Arizona and Sonora portions of the region.

This presentation offers the region’s stakeholders an opportunity to review the scenarios generated, and, if necessary, to cause additional scenarios to be identified and thus incorporated into the report. The report is expected to be completed later this year.

# Fort Bragg MID soldiers here for certification training

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Sand and smoke, along with high winds Sunday caused the cancellation of a scheduled parachute jump for 11 members of the Military Intelligence Detachment assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne).

Instead of landing on their feet in a proper PLF, the Airborne MI soldiers landed at Libby Army Airfield safe and secure inside the U.S. Air Force C-130 "Hercules" that brought them here from Fort Bragg, N.C.

"The 1/3 SFG (A) MID is here to conduct routine individual and team training," said Capt. Derrick C. Long, MID commander. Long said his detachment is part of the 3rd Special Forces Group from Fort Bragg, and that the group is routinely de-

ployed to desert environments throughout the world.

"For this reason, training in areas like Fort Huachuca is indispensable to the continued readiness of the MID."

Long said he has 27 soldiers assigned to his detachment. Eleven of the soldiers were going to make a parachute jump into Fort Huachuca, but because of the extremely high winds blowing across Libby Army Airfield Sunday; the jump was cancelled for safety reasons.

Long said his soldiers will be participating in training that will certify them as members of a Support Operational Team - Alpha.

The certification process includes: land navigation; scoring a minimum of 80

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Photo by Stan Williamson

**Members of Military Intelligence Detachment assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., arrived at Fort Huachuca Sunday. MID soldiers are here to conduct individual and team training to certify them as members of a Support Operational Team.**

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service or over the grade of E4.

Also, Chapter 14-12c(2)(b) states that all soldiers, regardless of time in service or rank, must be processed for separation. None of the administrative actions listed under 635-200 or other administrative actions such as flags, reprimands, suspension of security clearance, bars to reenlistment, revocation of driving or off post privileges, etc., preclude prosecution under the UCMJ.

Bowels said the ASAP can work with units to help them develop good prevention programs and strategies. "Every unit has at least one trained Unit Prevention Leader who can help the commander put together a good prevention program.

"This office will give that UPL all the resources and guidance they need to develop that good prevention program," Bowles said.

Fort Huachuca's drug offense statistics show the majority of drug users are between the ages of 18 -25 and are in the ranks of private - specialist.

The users are predominately male, and most are permanent party soldiers, although nearly half the offenses for FY 2000 have come from Fort Huachuca's student population.

The major drug being used is marijuana, but there has been identified use of cocaine, methamphetamines, LSD, Valium and ketamine. There has been a particular rise in the use of meth, LSD and Valium.

"Given the increase in [drug use] we can't lose sight that the MPs on Fort Huachuca are a professional, capable organization who are trained and ready to handle these problems," Chambers said.

## Courts Martial

(Editor's note: Starting with this issue, The Fort Huachuca Scout will publish the verdicts and penalty/sentence imposed as the result of recent court martial proceedings.)

### Results of trial

On March 29, the following soldiers were tried and convicted by a Special Court-martial. Pfc. Alfred Lucero was charged with one specification of larceny, and four specifications of forgery. He received a Bad Conduct Discharge, and four months confinement. Pvt. Marc Lloyd was charged with one specification of wrongful use of marijuana. He received a Bad Conduct Discharge.

# 'Moving Wall' comes to Tombstone

## Display lasts one week, starts Sunday

By Ginny Sciarrino  
Community Relations Officer

A replica of one of America's well-known memorials is coming to Tombstone.

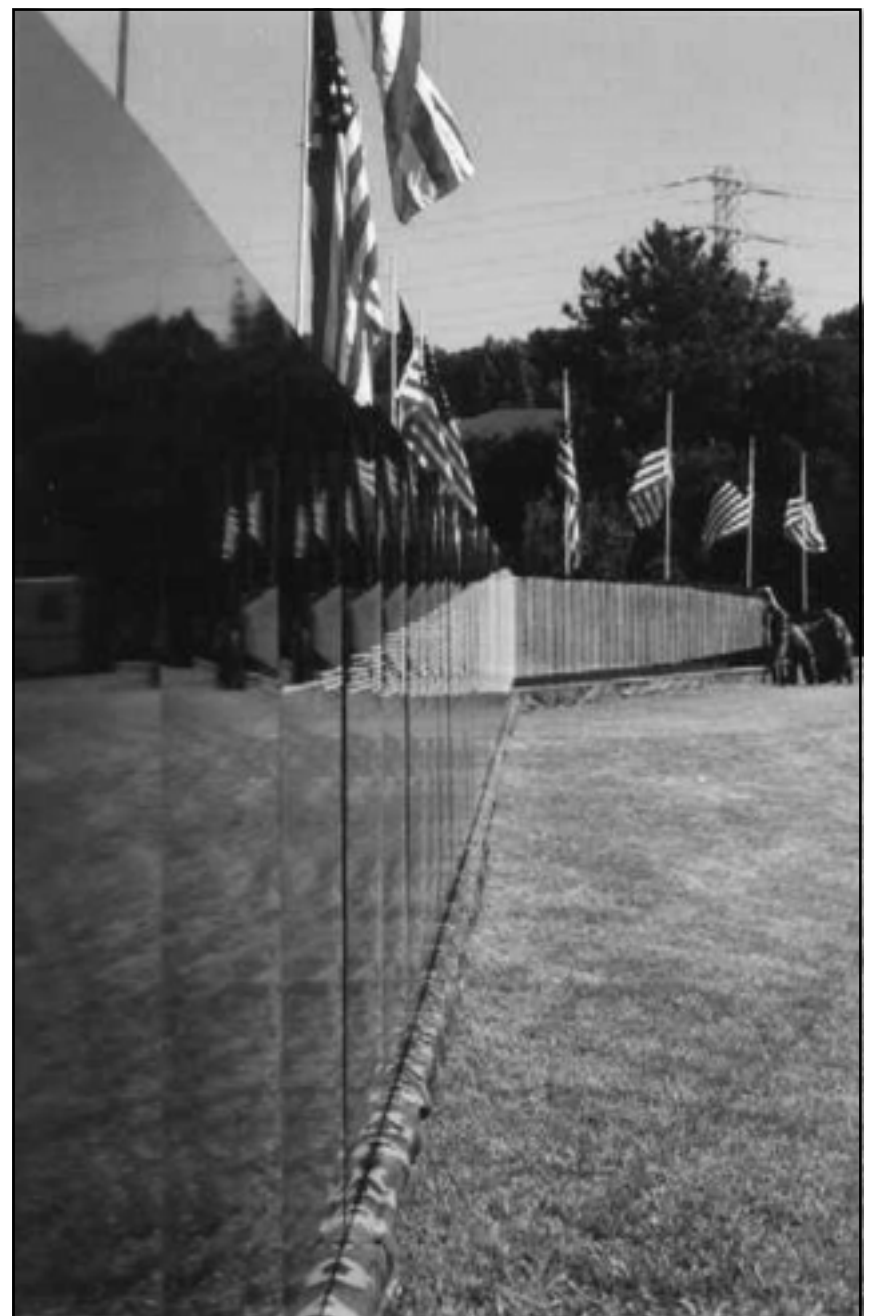
"The Moving Wall," a copy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be on display in Tombstone, Sunday through April 23. It will be on display at the lower parking lot, located on Sixth Street and Skyline Drive, across from the Bird Cage Theater.

The opening ceremony begins at 10 a.m., Sunday. Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, will present remarks. The Fort Huachuca's 36th Army Band, B Troop 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment and Honor Guard will be there in support of this event.

The Memorial is dedicated to the 2.7 million men and women who served in the U. S. military in Vietnam. "The Moving Wall", which is funded through Tombstone's American Legion and local merchants, lists 58,219 names, 1,300 of which are still unaccounted for as POW's or MIA's. The replica stands 225 feet long and six feet high in the center, tapering to three feet at both ends.

Visiting the wall for a moment of solemn reflection will help thank those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and those who have served their nation in military service.

For more information about the visit of "The Moving Wall" to Tombstone, contact the American Legion Roy Fourr Post #24 at 457-2273 or Ginny Sciarrino, USAIC & FH Public Affairs Office, at 533-1285.



Courtesy Photo

**"The Moving Wall" is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. The wall will be on display in Tombstone from Sunday through April 23.**

# Electronic Proving Ground

## EPG civilian is command employee of quarter

By Spc. Anthony Jacobson  
EPG PAO

The Army Test and Evaluation Command recognizes Mark W. Hynes as it's Civilian Employee of the Quarter for his technical excellence as part of the Technology and Test Support Division at Fort Huachuca's Electronic Proving Ground.

He has been a mainstay in conducting research and development of radio frequency testing instrumentation and platforms to be used in support of electronic systems testing. This has called for many hours of hard work and self-training to keep focused on EPG's mission.

His ability to design and develop electronic test systems is key to EPG's success.

Hynes, a native of Maryland, has

been at EPG since 1989. As a chief engineer, he has worked on numerous projects that have earned him great respect.

Hynes has a bachelor of science degree in electronics engineering from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in microelectronics from the University of Maryland.

He resides in Sierra Vista with his wife Kim, and their three daughters. In his spare time he is involved in church as an elder and assistant youth director and enjoys the outdoors.



EPG photo

Mark W. Hynes

# National Volunteer Month

## Fort's youngest volunteer prepares for future

By Karla Grosinsky  
Installation Volunteer Coordinator

Today, the volunteer workforce is as diverse as our community. Women, men, seniors, and teens all contribute to provide the highest rate of volunteering in more than a decade.

The latest statistics available tell us an estimated 109 million adults volunteered in 1998. These volunteers gave a total of 19.9 billion hours, averaging 3.5 hours per week. Their combined efforts were worth \$225 billion.

Looking closer at who is volunteering, we see sixty-two percent of women and 49 percent of men volunteered. However men who volunteered gave more time than women.

Seniors are volunteering in greater numbers also. Forty-three percent of seniors age 75 and over said they volunteer.

And a whopping 13 million teens, more than half of America's teen population, volunteered in 1995 (latest available statistics).

Fort Huachuca has benefited from a wide range of volunteers as well. One of our youngest volunteers is Ashley Platt.

When she is not attending Buena High School as a freshman, Platt vol-



Courtesy photo

Ashley Platt

unteers at the post veterinary clinic. There she assists the clinic personnel with the various services offered.

This volunteer work not only allows Platt to contribute to her community, it also offers her

some hands on experience in the field she hopes to go into one day — veterinary medicine.

Now a Sierra Vista resident, Platt was born in Fort Riley, Kansas to Lillian and William Platt of Niagara Falls, N.Y. When she is not attending school or volunteering, she enjoys any other activities involving animals and writing.

She has received awards in Cowboy Poetry, Computer Olympics and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

(Editor's note: This is the second article in four-part series spotlighting Fort Huachuca volunteers in recognition of National Volunteer Month.)

Have we got news for you!  
Read it in  
The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper

# School News

## Fort schools host concerts, field trips before summer break

### Accommodation Schools release

Fort Huachuca's students are beginning to wrap up the school year with concerts and outdoor activities in anticipation of summer break.

The last day of school is April 25.

### Dates to remember

**Friday** Myer School fifth graders attending Buena High School Symphony Concert (No Beginning Band lessons.)

**Tuesday** Multi-Age information meeting at 6:30 p.m., Johnston Elementary School  
Myer School Choir "Top 40's" concert at 1:30 p.m. in the gym

**Wednesday** Second grade Music Program for parents at 1:30 p.m., Johnston Elementary  
Bicycle Rodeo, preschool and kindergar-

ten students at Myer Elementary

**April 20** Morning classes — 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Afternoon classes — 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
Bicycle Rodeo, fourth and fifth grade students at Myer Elementary

**April 21** Fourth grade — 8:30 to 10:30a.m.  
Fifth grade — 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
Holiday — NO SCHOOL

### General Myer Elementary School

Jeanne Powell's fourth grade class is getting ready to study Arizona. They will be learning about its resources as well as its tourist attractions.

Jan Camp's fourth grade class has a student teacher, Yvonne Stroud, who is doing a unit about the Southwest Native Americans to coincide with their study of the Southwest Region of the United States.

They will be making dioramas and Pueblo villages, musical instruments and pictograph stories. They will also learn Native American sign language, be archeologists for a day, and dig up artifacts outside. They will make their own dyes like the Indians and use the dye to tie-dye shirts. They will get to try their hand at doing the Rain Dance as well.

It is hoped that the students will have a broader understanding of the Native American culture and the study will clear up any misperceptions they might have about the Native American.

Kathy Bergman's fourth grade class had fun and learned a lot on their field trip to the Coronado National Memorial.

Congratulations to David Cole, Teresa Totoris, and Matthew Quick for receiving art awards in contests they have entered this school year.

Congratulations to Kristen Bijansky for receiving the Citizenship Award for March.

## University of Phoenix announces completion of Sierra Vista campus

### University of Phoenix release

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. — The University of Phoenix has announced the completion of its latest Southern Arizona campus in Sierra Vista at Haymore Plaza, 460 E. Fry Blvd.

"Although we have been offering undergraduate and graduate program classes at various locations in Sierra Vista for many years, we are pleased to have completed a permanent campus there in addition to our Fort Huachuca campus," said Kathy Alexander, vice president and director of University of Phoenix's Southern Arizona campuses.

She said that the 1400-square-foot facility features seven classrooms, a computer lab and administrative offices.

Six undergraduate degree programs are currently being offered in Business, Information Technology, Health Services and Nursing.

Three graduate business programs are being offered in Organizational Management, Business Administration (MBA) and Computer Information Systems.

Alexander said about 400 working adult students currently attend UOPh's Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca campuses.

University of Phoenix students take one, five- to six-week course at a time, attending class once each week for four hours, with several hours outside work.

The average class size is about 10 to 12 students who go through their degree program within study groups of four to five students. The average student age is 35.

Founded in 1976, the private, accredited University of Phoenix has over 10,000 students in Arizona, 2,800 of whom are in Southern Arizona, an area that UOPh has been serving for over a decade.

Nationally, UOPh has over 70,000 students in 15 states, Canada and Puerto Rico.

# Community Updates

## Commissary tidbits

Though fresh pineapple fruit can be found year-round, its peak season is from March to July. Select a pineapple that is heavy for its size and has a light aroma. A pungent odor may indicate the fruit has begun to ferment. Pineapples should have bright green leaves and skin with little or no spots or mold. If a leaf can be pulled easily from its crown, the pineapple is ripe.

## Month of Military Child videos

The Commander's Access Channel, (Channel 36) will air the following Month of the Military Child videotapes on the dates shown. Show times will be 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Today — Ten Things Every Child Needs

April 18, 20 — Ten Solutions to Common Parenting Problems

April 25, 27 — Ten Ways to be a Better Parent

## New post tax center hours

Last chance to get your federal and state income taxes prepared and electronically filed for free. Your 1999 Federal and State income tax reports must be filed by midnight, Monday. The Post Tax Center can file your federal and most state taxes electronically until Friday, getting your refund to you in around 14 days. Electronic filing will not be available on Monday.

To accommodate individuals who have not filed their taxes yet, the Tax Center's hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. today and Friday; and 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday.

The tax center is located behind the PAO Office, at the end of Brown Parade Field. Park at the bottom of the hill on Christy Avenue and come up the hill, following the signs. Bring all your W-2s, 1099s, and other financial paperwork when you come. For information, call 533-1070.

## Pharmacy recall in effect

A recall of inhalers (or "puffers") has been issued by Schering/Key manufacturer effective immediately. The products in question may be missing active medication. If you have Proventil or Warrick brand of Albuterol, or Vanceril, also VANCENASE Pocket Inhaler (nasal aerosol), please bring your inhaler to the RWBAHC pharmacy (or the Prime Time Clinic after hours.)

Pharmacy can be contacted during daytime hours at 533-2520 or 533-2166. The Prime Time Clinic can be reached at 533-2433.

## Blood drive scheduled

A blood drive will be held at Building 53301 (across from Greely Hall, off Arizona Street) from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 12.

Blood needs are constant, but in the summer time, we face an increasing need for blood along with a decimated donor population - winter visitors are gone, high school drives vanish until September, vacations

abound, and it's just plain hot.

You can help enormously by donating on May 12. Every donor will receive a surprise gift. To make an appointment or for more information, call Katharina Criscuolo at 538-3120. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-in will not be turned away. Rabid

## Futures meeting set

The next informational meeting for the "Alternative Futures for the Upper San Pedro River Basin, Arizona and Sonora" project being conducted by the Harvard School of Design, the Desert Research Institute and the Army's Construction Engineering Research Lab will be noon Friday in the Arizona National Bank, 1160 Fry Blvd.

The researchers will present four of the alternative future land-use scenarios which were created based on input from San Pedro River basin residents, and discuss potential impacts of each as evaluated through a series of simulation models. The scenarios combine possible land use development for both the Arizona and Sonora portions of the region.

One purpose of this presentation is to offer the region's stakeholders an opportunity to review the scenarios generated, and, if it seems appropriate or necessary, to cause a additional scenarios to be identified and thus incorporated into the report which is expected to be completed later this year.

## Server outage scheduled


In order to improve network connectivity and services, the Directorate of Information Management is relocating the DTAC (CLXXI server) and the Intelligence Center's Network Operations Center. Services affected during this relocation are Classroom XXI, Fort Huachuca web page access, OSIS routing, and the Intelligence Center & School's networked services.

The proposed outage will be from 4 p.m., April 28 through midnight April 30. We do not anticipate any problems with the equipment relocation, and we are taking every precaution to ensure service is fully restored for normal duty Monday morning. We have scheduled this relocation during the weekend to minimize mission impact and customer inconvenience.

If you have a problem with this proposed outage, advise Art Branham at 538-0771 or e-mail [branhama@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:branhama@huachuca-emh1.army.mil) by Friday. No response will be considered negative impact.

## Track, field meet


Parks and Leisure Services of Sierra Vista will conduct a track and field meet 9 a.m.-noon April 22 at the Bujalski Track & Field Complex at Fort Huachuca. The meet is open to boys and girls born 1986-1991 with a birth certificate copy due at registration. Registrations will be taken through a mini-instructional camp 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday at Bujalski Field. For information, call 458-7922.



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## Saturday testing available

To accommodate customers who are not available to test Monday - Friday, the Army Education Center will start a three-month trial program to provide testing services on the third Saturday morning of each month, beginning Saturday. The trial program will be for DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and College Level Examination Program Tests.

Testing will be appointment only; appointments must be made no later than 12:30 p.m. the Thursday prior to the Saturday the test is to be administered. Testing participants must be at the Army Education Center by 8:50 a.m.; testing will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

For information, call Sharon Townsend at 533-1701. Future test dates are May 20 and June 17.

## PWOC meets

Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all ladies to weekly Bible studies, on Tuesday mornings, 9-11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Limited childcare is provided to military cardholders. For more information, call Sandy Thomas at 458-5813.

## Water outage

There will be a water outage on April 19, from 8 a.m. to noon. Areas affected will be 111 and 113 Rucker and 115 through 130 Meyer. Every effort is being made to ensure a smooth and trouble-free project and the Directorate of Installation Support appreciates your cooperation and patience during this outage. Flyers will be distributed to occupants to further notify them of this outage.

For information, call Larry Hill at 533-5593.

## Last Supper presentation

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Chapel will present the 24th annual Living Last Supper performance April 19 at 7:30 p.m.

At the conclusion of the presentation the apostles will offer communion to all present. It will be performed by members of the Fort Huachuca chapel community and is free to the public. All are invited to attend. For information, call 533-3326.

## Passover to be celebrated

The Jewish Passover will be celebrated from sundown, April 19, through sundown, April 27. The Fort Huachuca Jewish community will host a Passover Seder at the Main Post Chapel, Activities Room, April 19, at 7 p.m. The Seder is \$9.95 per person. There will be no charge for children under the age of three.

Reservations should be called in to Main Post Chapel at 533-2366 or 533-5916 before noon April 17. For information, call Chap. (Maj.) Copeland at 533-4751.

## Good Friday service

Fort Huachuca will conduct a Post Wide Ecumenical Good Friday Service at the Main Post Chapel, April 21, noon to 1 p.m. The service will focus on the "Passion of Jesus," according to the Gospel of John. Hymns and special music will highlight this service of meditation. For information, call the Army Signal Command Chaplain Office at 538-6416 or the Main Post Chapel at 533-4748.

## Commissary closed

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed April 23 in observance of Easter. For questions, call 533-5540 ext. 100.





# In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.

## Unit Fund Program

Spring is beautiful in Southeastern Arizona and a great time for military units to plan barbecues and parties for their soldiers. The Unit Fund Program is a program designed to pay for barbecues and other fun, morale boosting activities to help make each soldier’s military experience a good one as well as let them know that they are cared for and appreciated. The amount of funds for each unit is based on the strength report from each unit and overall profitability of non-appropriated fund MWR operations in the previous fiscal year. So it’s important that each unit give an accurate head count and that each soldier helps to make on-post MWR operations as successful and profitable as possible by patronizing them.

Currently there are several units that have not utilized their funds. This is of great concern. At the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30, funds will be lost, a big disadvantage to soldiers. Units are encouraged not to wait until the last minute to begin planning their unit event as their requests may not be filled. Procurement asks that they be given 14 days notice before the scheduled event and that units follow guidelines for using the fund in the SOP 215-1, 24. They may pick up a copy of the guidelines from procurement. For more information, call Sharon Williams at 533-5642

## Aquatics 2000 - Pool schedules & events

**MWR Release**

If you want to beat the heat, Fort Huachuca offers three public swimming pools; Grierson Pool, Irwin Pool and the Barnes Field House Pool. The Grierson and Irwin Pools open May 27. The Barnes Field House Pool is open now. All pools are open to the public. Hours of operation for public swimming are as follows:

**Irwin Pool**

Tuesday-Friday	1-5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	12-5 p.m.
Monday	Closed

**Grierson Pool**

Tuesday-Friday	1-5 p.m.
Saturday-Monday	12-5 p.m.

**Barnes Field House Pool (Indoor)**

Monday-Friday	1-5 p.m.
Saturday	12-5 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Lap Swims are offered at the Irwin and Barnes Pools at the following times:

**Irwin Pool - Beginning May 30**

Tuesday-Friday	6:30-8 a.m.
	5-6 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
	5-6 p.m.

**Barnes Field House Pool**

Monday-Friday	5-7 a.m.
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Splash Time classes are scheduled to begin on June 6. These four eight day sessions include beginning to intermediate classes for children and adults. Class sessions will be one hour each day, Tuesday through Friday. Classes will be conducted at Irwin, Grierson and the Barnes pools. Parents must register their own children, on a first come, first served basis, for any of the four sessions. Register at Oscar Yrun Community Center. Cost is \$25 per session.

Make your reservations today to rent the Barnes Pool for your next party. Rental fees are \$40 for the first two hours, \$20 for each additional hour or partial hour, plus \$10 per hour for each lifeguard.

Scuba classes are now available on the following dates: May 18, 19 and 20; June 8, 10, and 11; July 20, 22, and 23 and August 17, 19 and 20. For more information call 459-4009 or 533-3858.


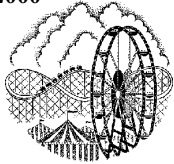






Swimmers and non-swimmers will enjoy the Water Aerobics class available at the Irwin Pool. This is a high energy aerobic and toning workout. Classes are held Monday through Friday. Cost is \$30 for 12 sessions.

Senior citizens 50 years and older, come shape up with this Senior Aquacise class at the Irwin Pool. Sessions will be held Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Cost is \$20 for eight sessions.

Youths (6-18) may Join the Thunder Mountain Aquatic Club for \$35 per month. This is the only year round swim team in Cochise County. For more information, call 533-3858. Summer Swim Team Programs are set to begin June 6. Cost is \$50 per child. Registration must be completed at Oscar Yrun Community Center before June 6.



YEAR AT A GLANCE

YEAR 2000 CALENDAR OF EVENTS							
For Questions Concerning MWR Events Please Call Paula German, MWR Marketing Director, at 538-0836 or Dial 1-800-459-EVNT							
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
1 Harlem Ambassador's Basketball	4 HWGA 31st Golf Invitational	Army 225th B-day Celebration Month	15-16 GHMGC Firecracker Open Golf Tournament	19-20 GHMGC Club Championship Golf Tournament	15-17 Fun Fest 2000	3-5 AFCEA Symposium	19 GHMGC Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament
3 Military Child Celebration at New Beginnings/ CDC	6 Thunder Mountain Marathon	4 Kid's Day at the Child Development Center				3 AFCEA Golf Tournament	
9 GHMGC/ Special Olympics Golf Tournament	 MARATHON	10 DOG DAYS OF SUMMER ARMY CONCERT TOUR with Foreigner & Kansas	22 Steelhead Triathlon on Ft. Huachuca		16-17 MVGC Post Championship Golf Tournament	7-9 GHMGC Match Play Championship	23 Thanksgiving Grand Buffet at the LakeSide
16 MVGC Golf Tournament	12 Volunteer Recog. Ceremony	13 Cochise County Jr. Golf Championships			23 Southeastern Arizona Women's Amateur Golf Tournament	26 Home & Home, HWGA & PDSWGA Golf Tournament	
23 Easter Grand Buffet at the LakeSide	17-18 A.F.A.P. Symposium at Murr	24-25 MVGC Summer Open Golf Tournament			29-30 Army Soldier Show	28 Rock 300 Halloween Costume Party at Desert Lanes	
28-29-30 PBA Bowling Tournament at Desert Lanes	20 2-10-2 Biathlon	29 MI Hall of Fame Golf Tournament					
	21 GHMGC Golf Tournament						
	30 Youth Summer Programs Begin						



## Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout.

Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to [germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil](mailto:germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil).



### B.A.R.N.E.S FIELD HOUSE

#### YS orientation and ceremony

Youth Sports will host a Little League Baseball Program Parents and Sponsor Orientation and a Little League Baseball Program Opening Day Ceremony at 9 a.m., April 22. For information, call 533-2541



### THUNDER MOUNTAIN MARATHON AND RELAYS

Southeastern Arizona's all new marathon is fast approaching. Registration fees will increase Tuesday, so be sure to register at Barnes Field house or Oscar Yrun Community Center in Sierra Vista before then. Your entry fee includes the 2000 Thunder Mountain Marathon T-shirt and a free pre-race Pasta Fest meal the night before. Packet Pickup will begin May 4 at Barnes, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and May 5 at the Windemere, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. For information, call 533-5031.

#### Coed Intramural Softball

The Coed Intramural Softball Program is scheduled to begin May 22. The coaches meeting will be conducted May 4 at 11 a.m.. Units who would like to participate in this program will be required to submit a Memorandum of Intent with coaches name or team representative included. Also include any military commitment which would prevent a unit from playing any regularly scheduled games. All games will be played Monday through Thursday starting at 5:30 p.m. This is a Major Commander's Cup sport. Must be an MWR authorized patron to participate. For information, call Michelle Kimsey at 533-5031.

#### 2000 Leisure Needs Survey

Most in the Fort Huachuca community should have received their 2000 Leisure Needs Survey. Please disregard the date of the Commander's Letter and return your completed survey as soon as possible to the MWR Box Office. If you have any questions regarding this survey, call Paula German at 538-0836

### SPORTSMAN'S CENTER

533-7085

The Buffalo Soldier Skeet Shoot takes place Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call the Sportsman's Center.

Half Priced Paintball will be offered April 22. Cost is \$2.50 for the range fee or \$10 for the rental package. First come, first served.

The Sportsman's Center will be closed Easter Sunday, April 23.



According to the Director of MWR, the Mirage is closing but will re-open as a new and exciting MWR facility. The new facility will better serve the needs of the Fort Huachuca community. More to come.



Effective Saturday, MWR Rents will have new operating hours. They are as follows:

Sunday — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday — 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday — CLOSED

Thursday — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 533-6707.

### LakeSide ACTIVITY CENTRE

Beginning in May, the LakeSide will host a Cookout every Friday through September. Cookouts will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the LakeView Patio. Guests will have their choice of steak, hamburgers, or hotdogs served with a choice of potato salad, beans and rolls with butter.

## Commentary

# Drug use affects everyone, help put it out

By Sgt. Cullen James  
Scout Staff

I've recently done some work involving soldier's use of drugs on Fort Huachuca and the numbers I've seen are astonishing. The increase is remarkable, but these drastic increases (see related story, Page 3) make me wonder why are soldiers doing this? Why are people doing this?

We all know that drugs are bad. We all know cigarettes are bad. We even know too much alcohol, chocolate, fatty foods, and just about too much of anything else is bad. But I still don't get drug use.

I've seen drugs kill people. Let me tell you a story.

When I was 16, I was going to high school in a little town in Idaho - Mountain Home. I was an Air Force brat, and the town survived almost entirely because of the base there. This small town was out in the middle of nowhere, and with most small out-of-the-way towns, the teenagers there had to find alternative methods of entertaining themselves.

They usually accomplished this task with a mixture of alcohol, drugs and sex. There just wasn't much else to do in this little burg.

There's only one main strip in Moun-

tain Home, and right next to that road is a little railroad park. Although out in the open, right next to town, teens hung out there all the time — partaking in the alternative entertainment forms listed above. One night, I happened to be there with several other friends.

A friend-of-a-friend also happened to be there. He was slightly older than most of us, about 19, and was a high school dropout. He also had a reputation as being a great partier and was generally liked by all. This acquaintance was already drunk and high by the time my other friends and I got there. After we were there about an hour, he was more so.

One particularly bad thing about being right next to the main strip, is that for some reason, the teens in town loved to run back and forth across the street to visit a local pool hall or other businesses and then run back to the railroad park. The acquaintance of mine might have felt he was running on this night, but to the rest of us he was meandering.

As he crossed the street at — to us — a leisurely pace, a little blue truck came hauling down the road. He never saw the truck coming, and the truck, just having rounded a corner, couldn't stop. My acquaintance was thrown several feet in the

air, and landed horribly. At first, I don't think any of us moved. We were all in shock about what had just happened.

Suddenly, we all came to our collective senses and ran out to the road. Someone had the presence of mind to run up the road a bit and block traffic while the driver of the truck stood by all of us, sobbing.

Not only was this acquaintance of mine drunk and high, so was the driver of the little blue truck.

Unfortunately for my likeable, partier acquaintance, he didn't die quickly. It took many hours before he died. His neck had been snapped, his skull broken, as well as other internal injuries. There wasn't much they could do.

I don't know what exactly happened to the driver of the truck. Everyone at the park that night gave statements — at least those of us who hadn't been drinking or doing other things. Those who had been drinking or getting high either got hauled off by the police or made a quick exit before that.

You would think something like this would have scared most of us into sobriety, but no. The very next weekend, most of us held a party in my acquaintance's honor. This event didn't cause my sobriety, but I finally made it

‘... this isn't about sobriety. It isn't even really about the dangers of drug use. This is an appeal to everyone to take a hard look at those people they know who do use drugs.

Sgt. Cullen James

seven years later.

But this isn't about sobriety. It isn't even really about the dangers of drug use. This is an appeal to everyone to take a hard look at those people they know who do use drugs. I never want to see anything like what I saw when I was 16, and if I know you're using drugs I will turn you in in a heartbeat. This is my appeal to everyone to do the same.

Because my family walk and drive these streets. Because my friends and co-workers do the same. Those are the reasons I'll turn in anyone. It's not just against the law, or against Army regulations, it's against logic, and if I see it, I'll do my best to put a stop to it.



# Army revises BAH policy, extends rate protection

By Staff Sgt. Jack Siemieniec  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon revised its new Basic Allowance for Housing policy the end of February. Calling it an extension of BAH rate protection, the action ensures soldiers newly arriving for duty receive the same BAH as their peers in locations where the 2000 rate decreased from 1999 levels.

This immediately affects the estimated 11,000 soldiers who have had a permanent change of station since Jan. 1. The extension takes effect March 1 and soldiers should see the change reflected in their March mid-month or April paychecks.

In addition, officials continue work on restoring back payments for January and February.

Army officials estimate it will cost \$12 million this fiscal year for the extension of rate protection.

“It’s not a discarding of the 2000 rates,” said Maj. R. Dennis Lasley, “... at each geographic location, we’re looking at each pay grade and rate protecting those that are going down.” Lasley works in the Compensation and Entitlements Branch in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters, Department of the Army. Army officials said concerns about unit morale and possible retention problems caused

them to relook the policy that was in effect and enact the rate protection extension. However, they added they had actually received very few complaints from soldiers affected by the new rates.

The Department of Defense is in a multi-year process of adjusting BAH rates nationwide in an effort to standardize the out-of-pocket expenses service members pay for their housing. As a step in realigning those benefits, officials had changed rates across the board Jan. 1, making increases or decreases in the amount paid, depending upon local housing costs.

DoD-wide, 62 percent of enlisted service members and 51 percent of officers found increases in their BAH benefits in their January paychecks, officials said.

Planners had built in rate protection for areas where service members would find a decrease. Those soldiers’ benefits would not decrease as long as they stayed in that area, stayed the same grade and kept the same dependent status.

The lower rates would have only applied to those who were newly moving into those areas where rates had decreased.

However, as defense officials made adjustments to year 2000 BAH rates, certain ranks in certain areas found PCSing personnel would receive substantially less than those already on station.

For example, Army officials explained the true housing cost for a lieutenant colonel at Fort Riley, Kan., is several hundred dollars less than the old Basic Allowance for Quarters rates. So the new BAH rates for lieutenant colonels at Fort Riley would have been \$217 less to reflect the current cost plus the standard 18.8 percent out-of-pocket expense that’s applicable to all soldiers.

Originally, officials explained, this was designed to be a ‘cost neutral’ program with money flowing from areas where BAH decreased to areas where it had increased as people PCSed. The plan was to redistribute funds over the course of five or six years, allowing soldiers to gradually adjust to the new rates.

However, in the fiscal year 2000 budget Congress authorized an additional \$225 million to accelerate the program and complete it this year. This brought about what has been described as “sticker shock” as soldiers saw their BAH decrease hundreds of dollars in some cases.

The Feb. 22 rate protection extension ensures the newly PCSed soldier will be paid equal BAH with those of the same rank at the same location.

See BAH, Page 10

## Global INFOSEC conference set for May

By Annette Geller  
GIPC Co-coordinator

CECOM Communications Security Logistics Activity will host the annual Global INFOSEC Partnership Conference 2000 at Fort Huachuca, May 2-4.

With the conference theme, “Security Solutions for the 21st Century,” the GIPC is designed for INFOSEC program managers, COMSEC custodians, property book officers, signal officers, system integrators and others who work in the INFOSEC and information assurance arena.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to attend presentations and workshops on the following topics:

Data Transfer Devices; Army Key Management System; B56 to B16 West Logistics Transfer Project; Defense Message System Certification Authority Workstation; COMSEC Audit/Inspection; COMSEC Equipment/Products and Technical Manuals Forum; COMSEC Incident/Insecurity Reporting; COMSEC Policy/Procedures; Defense Courier Service; Depot Information; Firewalls/Intrusion Detection Systems Overview; Information Assurance Products Overview; INFOSEC Acquisition Center and Electronic Commerce; TACLANE and FASTLANE Encryption Devices; Legal Issues and Information Systems Operations; Milstar/Global Positioning System; Network Encryption System and KG-189 Trunk Encryptor; Protective Technologies; Secure Terminal Equipment; Securing our Wire and Wireless Future and

CONDOR; Threat; and Unique Item Tracking.

The conference keynote speaker is U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Gary L. Salisbury, Deputy Director, Information Engineering, DISA D6. In addition to the workshops, presentations, and briefings, there will be displays of equipment and technology demonstrated by various industry representatives.

You must have a security clearance of Secret or higher to attend the GIPC Conference.

A conference fee of \$60 will be charged each attendee, to cover the cost of conference and administration expenses.

In addition to conference pre-registration, all conference attendees must attend on-site registration either May 1 or May 2. On May 1, on-site registration will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Windemere Hotel and Conference Center in Sierra Vista.

Regular registration will be May 2 from 6:30-8:30 a.m. in Greeley Hall, Building 61801, on Fort Huachuca, Room 1114A, first floor, outside the cafeteria. Early registration is recommended to avoid long lines and help insure classroom availability.

To obtain the conference registration forms and additional GIPC information, visit our GIPC web site at: <https://www.theriver.com/gipc2000>.

To register, call Tom Hall at 538-8155 or e-mail [hallt@csla.army.mil](mailto:hallt@csla.army.mil) or Annette Geller at 538-6519 or e-mail [gellera@csla.army.mil](mailto:gellera@csla.army.mil).



## Training courses prepare military, civilian cadre to work properly with IET soldiers

TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — Many soldiers, civilian employees and contractors assigned to training centers within Training and Doctrine Command will soon attend courses to teach them how to correctly deal with students in initial entry training.

“Everyone within the IET environment really needs to understand how to interact with soldiers in BCT (basic combat training), AIT (advanced individual training) and OSUT (one station unit training) and treat them in a professional manner,” said Capt. Flip Hicks, staff officer for the TRADOC Deputy Chief of Staff for Training.

That requirement is contained in TRADOC Regulation 350-6, which says that anyone on a training installation who has “daily and frequent contact with IET soldiers” will attend specific versions of a Cadre Training Course within 30 days after arriving at the post. The CTCs range from one day to two weeks.

A policy change, to be included in the next revision of TR 350-6, makes the requirement easier to comply with, according to Hicks. It also clarifies the responsibilities of the proponent, the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The staff at Fort Jackson has the responsibility for creating the programs of instruction and CTC instructor certification.

Other training centers can create their

own CTCs, or send individuals to the courses conducted there. CTC instructors go to Fort Jackson for certification.

Battalion and brigade commanders, command sergeants major, some chaplains and drill sergeants do not have to attend CTC. They receive similar training during the TRADOC Precommand Course at Fort Jackson and at drill sergeants schools. The drill sergeant proponent is also at Fort Jackson.

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Capt. Flip Hicks

attend PCC must undergo a week-long cadre training course.

There is a three-day Support Cadre Training Course for brigade, battalion and company level staff NCOs, military, civilian and contracted IET instructors, unit armorers, supply personnel and reception battalion processing NCOs.

Dining facility military and contractor staff, motor pool drivers and medical and dental personnel will attend a one-day Installation Staff/Contractors CTC.

“New soldiers are our nation’s sons and daughters,” Hicks said. “We need to make sure they’re well taken care of and receive the best possible introduction to our Army.”

“I think this is the vehicle to make that work.”

# Dental Activity Command

## TRICARE Retiree Dental Program: different legislation, different rules

**TRICARE release**

With the Fiscal Year 2000 National Defense Authorization Act, the Department of Defense has the necessary authority, unavailable a year ago; to explore options for enhancing the TRICARE Retiree

Dental Program.

TRICARE Management Activity officials are evaluating alternatives for obtaining additional dental services such as crowns and dentures, that can be offered while maintaining enrollees' premiums at an affordable level.

Uniformed service retirees and their family members are offered dental benefits through voluntary enrollment in the TRDP.

They will not have dental benefits under the TRICARE Dental Program for active duty family members and eligible Reserve Component personnel, to be implemented February 1, 2001.

Established February 1, 1998, the TRDP provides dental care for Uniformed Service retirees, unmarried

surviving spouses, and certain other family members.

Enrollment in TRDP is voluntary and is administered by the Delta Dental Plan (DDP) of California. The TRDP is funded solely by enrollees, and receives no government subsidy.

It was implemented under different legislation and different rules from those applicable to active duty family members and reservists. More than 500,000 retirees and their family members are enrolled.

While the program provides coverage for a range of services, many retirees and their family members have requested additional benefits.

Additional information about the TRDP including enrollment forms is available at the DDP web site: [www.ddpdelta.org](http://www.ddpdelta.org).

Delta Dental representatives are also available as follows:

**Customer Service:**

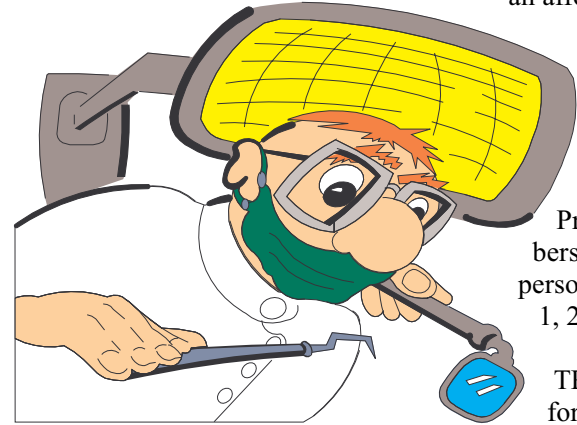
P.O. Box 537077  
Sacramento, CA 95853-7007  
Toll-free telephone: 1-888-336-3260  
E-mail: [ddpservice@delta.org](mailto:ddpservice@delta.org)

**Enrollment:**

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The three-year-old BAH system to reimburse housing costs was instituted to eliminate certain inequities under the old BAQ/Variable Housing Allowance system. Under that system, soldiers annually filed a report of their individual housing expenses and their next year's payments would reflect those costs.

This led to what officials referred to as a "death spiral" as those soldiers with less disposable income for housing moved into less expensive quarters, causing their expenses to go down, causing their next year's payments to go down, and so on.

Conversely, soldiers with more disposable income used it for better housing, causing their expenses to go up, causing their next year's payments to increase, and so on.

Under the BAH system, national median housing costs, at various income levels, are set. Also, housing standards for various ranks, such as a two-bedroom townhouse for sergeants or a three-bedroom single family home for a major, are set.

DoD hired a contractor, Runzheimer International, to collect statistically valid housing cost data. Officials said the con-

tractor is a recognized leader in the field of collecting cost of living data in the United States and around the world.

For soldiers, their income is defined as the total of their base pay, BAH, Basic Allowance for Subsistence and tax savings. The tax savings occur because BAH and BAS are not included in taxable income.

Soldiers' allowances are then based on the cost of that standard housing, less a standard percentage across the board they will pay out of pocket. For calendar year 2000, that figure is 18.8 percent.

The cost of housing is defined as the total of rent, average utilities and insurance.

The intended result, for example, would be that a sergeant (E-5) with dependents, stationed anywhere in the country, in any cost of living area, would only pay \$154 out-of-pocket for that two-bedroom townhouse.

Defense officials are petitioning Congress to completely eliminate average out-of-pocket expenses by fiscal year 2005. The year-by-year step percent decreases are: Fiscal year 00, 18.8; 01, 15.0; 02, 11.3; 03, 7.5; 04, 3.5; and no average out-

of-pocket in fiscal year 05.

They have said the total cost of this program to the taxpayer over the five years is \$3.1 billion DoD wide.

The \$12 million cost for the rate protection extension in fiscal year 00 grows to an estimated \$15 million in 01 before decreasing to \$8 million in 02 and \$2 million in 03 before eventually zeroing out in fiscal year 04 for a total cost to the Army of about \$37 million.

The \$37 million figure is the total the Army will spend to extend the rate protection over the next four years as the projected out-of-pocket expense decreases across the service.

"The Basic Allowance for Housing methodology and objectives are sound. We feel a high sense of confidence that the contractor gave us what we asked for. Now the real question is, 'Did we ask for exactly the right thing,'" Lasley said.

"The last thing we want to do is go to Fort Polk and take their allowances down \$200 and then come back next year and say, 'Well now we've changed the standards and we've relooked how we do this and it needs to go back up \$200,'" he said.

# Medical Activity Command

## Weight gain on profile: monitor intake, maintain standards

**By 1st Lt. Ronna Winn, R.D.  
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As an Army dietitian I have counseled countless soldiers concerning weight gain and Army Regulation 600-9 standards.

Many of these soldiers have poor eating habits, genetic predisposition to obesity, or have minimal physical activity in their day to keep up with the "weight creep" (i.e. weight gain as we age due to a natural and progressive loss of muscle mass without being accompanied by additional exercise.)

Another type of soldier comes to me each month, however, under other circumstances. They are good soldiers who have been sidelined with an injury and received a profile.

Sometimes the profiles are temporary, maybe 2-4 weeks in duration. Often the profiles extend into 2 months or longer due to continued pain, inconsistent treatment at home, or delayed follow-up care due to permanent change of station, school or other training.

Regardless of the reason, extended profiles are a primary cause for unintended, "sudden" weight gain.

While some of us can "work a little harder" to lose a few pounds that might have been gained, many soldiers must continuously work to stay ahead of weight and physical training standards.

Unfortunately this excused "time off" is a prime time for weight gain and loss of conditioning to occur, even with

profiles lasting just a few weeks.

Soldiers and their command have resources at Fort Huachuca to help them maintain standards while they heal. Practical steps taken from day one of a profile can make sure the "catch up" is minimized.

The following are some basic steps to take when a profile has been initiated:

**Understand profile thoroughly**

What are your specific limitations? What are alternative exercises that are safe to perform?

For example, many injuries will be exacerbated by weight bearing exercise such as running.

Stationary biking, swimming, and

power walking in the water may be safe alternatives. Anaerobic exercise such as weight lifting will help maintain muscle mass and keep up your metabolism.

The gyms on post have a good variety of free weights and equipment to use unaffected areas of the body and keep some variety in your work out. Ask your physician or physical therapist to outline what is safe for you and guidelines for which body parts to rest.

**Monitor caloric intake**

A pound of weight equals approximately 3500 calories, or roughly 500 calories per day if divided by 7 days in

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custody and child support.”  
*(Editor’s note: Release of this video-tape is pending editing by audio-visual specialists.)*

Last year the local Legal Assistance Office helped 17,954 people, including clients from the Tax Center. This includes active duty service members and their families as well as retired members and their eligible family members. This Legal Assistance office is also responsible for providing services to the Phoenix Recruiting Battalion, which encompasses all of

Arizona and parts of Nevada, New Mexico and Texas. There are approximately 30,550 people in Arizona who are entitled to legal services at Fort Huachuca. This number varies due to the number of retired and vacationing people in the state.

The services provided by the legal assistance office cover a wide spectrum. The most used services in fiscal year 1999 included Notarizations, Powers of Attorney, Family Law Matters (Divorce/Support/Custody) and Consumer Protection Cases. Additionally, over 1,200 soldiers

were served at Soldier Readiness Programs and over 5,000 persons were serviced at the Post Tax Center.

The office does see its share of unusual cases, although it is hard for legal assistance personnel to categorize anything as unusual since they see such a wide variety of situations. One “unusual” case involved an elderly gentleman who had been AWOL for over 40 years since World War II. The office has also seen cases involving parental kidnappings, bigamy and multiple identities.

All services at the Legal Assistance Office are available by appointment, which can be made by calling 533-2009, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Appointments are seen every Tuesday from 1-4 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday 8:30-11 a.m. Walk-ins for wills are on Mondays on a first come first serve basis to clients signed in before 8:45 a.m. Powers of Attorney and notary services are provided daily after 1 p.m. on a walk-in basis, except Wednesdays when wills are executed.

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standards, to assure sterility, safety, potency and purity of the vaccine,” before further immunizations take place. These tests were ordered because the lab was having quality control problems. These tests did NOT further evaluate the vaccine to see if it causes cancer or impairs fertility, they only assured the vaccine met the FDA approved guidelines.

9. Most physicians know very little about the vaccine, other than what they are told by the government in preparation for implementation of this program.

10. There are a number of common reasons NOT to take the vaccine. Read the product information leaflet and talk to your civilian doctor. (see source website)

**DoD knows their shots aren’t safe.** (from: [www.dallasnw.quik.com/cyberella/index.htm](http://www.dallasnw.quik.com/cyberella/index.htm))

A critically important informational meeting was held May 25-27, 1999 at Fort Detrick, Md., for 100 military physicians.

Although the meeting began with claims of 100 percent safety of the vaccine by Major Strawder of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program, his reassurances to the crowd were quickly challenged.

The DoD has studied vaccine reactions, and some solid, accurate (by that I mean consistent with what has been reported informally to me) data was presented, which included the following:

1. In a study of 337 vaccinated service members from Korea, the rate of any reaction (from very minor to severe) was 40 percent in men, but 70 percent in women. Reactions led to “decreased activity” in three percent of males, but in eight percent of females.

2. The ongoing study of 600 service members at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, has resulted in 20 percent (120 people) developing a systemic reaction after at least one of the first three injections. However, only 4 Vaccine Adverse Event Reports (VAER) have been filed for this group, despite the high rate of lost duty time, and need for medical attention

3. At Dover Air Force Base, 20-25 persons have been identified with a similar, Gulf War-like illness resulting in a more

than 50 percent reduction in function, compared to their pre-vaccine state, according to Col. (Dr.) Renata Engler, Chief of the Allergy/Immunology Department, Walter Reed, and Consultant to OTSG, Allergy-Immunology.

4. Reasons for not filing VAERS are interesting. Since an adverse reaction may prevent further vaccination, and thereby prevent a service member from deployment, interfering with a career, some physicians feel it is unethical to report adverse effects, based on the “first do no harm” principle. For those part-timers such as pilots, a VAERS could potentially end a civilian career. So far, only 111 VAERS have been filed for 250,000 vaccines.

Military physicians at this meeting have called for changes in policy to increase VAERS reporting, possibly make the vaccinations voluntary, and to more seriously evaluate and treat service members’ reactions due to the vaccine.

I cannot emphasize enough how important these revelations are. They fully support the claims that we have made about the frequency and severity of vaccine adverse reactions. This is DOD’s OWN DATA, obtained over the past year. This information needs to be disseminated as widely as possible. (end of article)

This is only a portion of a long list of facts and issues that have caused my concerns about the Anthrax vaccine. I hope Lt. Col. Hickey has a better understanding why some military members have been reluctant to take the shot. If not, please feel free to do your own research.

**Sgt. 1st Class Denis L. Corder Sr.**  
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*(Editor’s Note: The letter from Sgt 1st Class Corder was forwarded to the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Clinic for a response.)*

AVIP answers anthrax questions

Points one and two, scientific studies.

Response: Studies regarding cancer or fertility are not required by the FDA for anthrax vaccine. They are also not re-

quired for other common vaccines such as Tetanus-toxoid, Hepatitis A and many others. In the 200-plus year history of vaccine usage, no vaccine has been shown to cause cancer or adversely effect fertility.

Points three and four, effectiveness against aerosolized (inhalational) anthrax.

Response: Evidence for the efficacy of the licensed anthrax vaccine is based on data from both humans and animal models. Efficacy in humans was evaluated in a placebo-controlled, single blind study carried out in goat

hair mill workers at risk for cutaneous anthrax, in four New Hampshire mills from 1955-1959.

The study proved that the anthrax vaccine protected against anthrax. The calculations performed during the study combined the cutaneous and inhalation forms of anthrax infection that occurred. A total of 26 cases of anthrax occurred in the unvaccinated or partially vaccinated group during this study. Twenty-one cases were cutaneous and five cases were inhalational. Four of the five inhalational cases died. Zero cases of anthrax occurred in the totally vaccinated population. The total number of cases was judged too few to show statistically conclusive proof of protection.

A follow-on study by the Center for Disease Control for the period 1962-1974 reported on 27 cases of cutaneous anthrax among unvaccinated (or only partially vaccinated) workers in or near the mills, compared to no cases among those fully vaccinated. Read the study for yourself at: <http://www.anthrax.osd.mil/SCANNED/ARTICLES/brachman.pdf>.

Animal studies of the effectiveness of anthrax vaccine in the prevention of inhalational anthrax produced compelling results. In non-human primates, the animal model that best approximates humans, the FDA-licensed anthrax vaccine is able to provide greater than 95 percent protection against an aerosol challenge. A total of 62 of 65 non-human primates vaccinated

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points per event on the Army Physical Fitness Test; a 50-meter swimming test with weapons and load bearing equipment; Qualification as a sharpshooter or higher with the M-4 Carbine; passing a number of Special Forces Common Tasks Tests; and completing a 20-kilometer road march carrying a minimum of 55 pounds of equipment with weapon in four-hours or less.

“We also have a number of soldiers who are language specialists,” he said, “and they must maintain a DLPT [Defense Language Proficiency Test] score of 2/2 in addition to everything else.”

The MID has three SOT-A teams which vary in size from three to six personnel. They train on several different methods of insertion into an area of operation. This could involve fixed or rotary wing aircraft,

movement on foot, and parachute drops, just to name a few. There are also support personnel assigned to the SOT-B teams which have a role in analyzing battlefield intelligence.

“A couple of areas that we will be sharpening our skills on will be desert mobility training and desert tactics,” Long said. Long pointed out that many deployments today are to areas with a desert climate.

Long said his soldiers are expected to carry as much as 110 pounds of equipment, not including their weapons and ammunition.

“There is a lot of pride and commitment on the part of every man in the detachment,” he said. “They do what they have to do to keep up with the Special Forces soldiers. They work hard to maintain a state of constant readiness.”

College Career Fair, Spring Fest set for today

Cochise College release

Whether you’re looking for a new career or just a better job, chances are you’ll find it with one of the 30 major county and state employers who will be at the Cochise College Career Fair today.

The Fair, on the Douglas Campus, will be in conjunction with Spring Fest.

The Fair will feature more than 30 employers who are hiring, including the Tucson Police Department, Century 21, Cochise County, the City of Douglas, the City of Sierra Vista, the National Park Service, and more. In addition, the College’s Career Services Department, which is sponsoring the Fair, is also hosting a series of forums to assist people in pursuing careers in computers, business, and working with children.

The Career Fair begins at 9 a.m. and ends

at 11:30 a.m. today. The Fair is free and open to the public.

After the Fair you can go to the Fest. Spring Fest starts at noon the same day on the Douglas Campus and is also free and open to the public.

This year’s annual celebration of Spring will feature the band, Grand Theft as well as games for kids and adults, including electronic basketball, a kiddie train, giant tricycle races, a water balloon toss, kite flying, bouncy boxing, inflatable sumo wrestling a jumping castle, bungee running and more.

Spring Fest, which is sponsored by the Cochise College Student Government and by Housing, ends at 5 p.m.

For more information on the Career Fair call 364-0253. For more information about Spring Fest call 364-0288.



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with the licensed anthrax vaccine survived a lethal aerosol challenge. In the various studies with non-human primates, a total of 14 unvaccinated animals were challenged and none survived.

In summary, although the available research on vaccine effectiveness against inhalational anthrax is not definitive, the human and animal evidence of efficacy are persuasive.

Point five, formaldehyde.

Response: Small amounts of formaldehyde are approved by the FDA for use in manufacturing several vaccines, including vaccines against anthrax, diphtheria, hepatitis A, influenza, Japanese encephalitis, and tetanus. A small amount of formaldehyde, less than 2 parts per 10,000 (0.02 percent), is permitted by FDA to remain in the anthrax vaccine.

Formaldehyde has been used in vaccine manufacturing since the 1960s, if not earlier. Literally billions of people around the world have been given tetanus toxoid processed with formaldehyde (as anthrax vaccine is), which is generally recognized as safe. FDA closely monitors all the ingredients and processing steps of all vaccines and other medications before they can be distributed for widespread use.

FDA’s decision to permit formaldehyde to be present as residues in vaccines is based, in part, on the low concentrations and infrequent exposures involved. While it might not be prudent to have formaldehyde contact the skin every day at work, or to inhale formaldehyde fumes repeatedly, a few minute doses of formaldehyde in vaccines are generally recognized as safe.

Point six, benzethonium chloride.

Response: Benzethonium chloride is used as a preservative in the anthrax vaccine. It is also a common component in other injectable and nasal medications (such as thrombin, ketamine,

orphenadrine and butorphanol).

Points seven and eight, vaccine manufacturer and quality control.

Response: DoD is presently immunizing forces with anthrax vaccine produced by Michigan Biologic Products Institute. MBPI was purchased by the current manufacturer, BioPort in June 1998. All vaccine produced by this facility is subject to regulations and good manufacturing practices used throughout the vaccine industry.

Federal Regulations specifically require all vaccine manufacturers to test their products for potency, purity, and sterility prior to lot release. The specific tests for purity, as well as for all other required tests, are conducted in accordance with the applicable federal code. Anthrax vaccine purity tests are the same as or analogous to the tests used for all other vaccines. The Food and Drug Administration is charged with enforcing these regulations and monitoring the vaccine manufacturing processes.

Every lot of anthrax vaccine released to the public and used for the DoD Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program was approved by the FDA prior to release. This means each lot passed the tests for potency, purity, sterility and was released by the FDA via signed letter. As an additional measure of assurance to our Service Members, the Secretary of Defense ordered Supplemental testing of all anthrax vaccine lots in the DoD stockpile as of December 1997.

This amounts to a repeat of the potency, purity, and sterility tests required by the Food and Drug Administration. Supplemental testing is overseen by Mitretek Corporation.

Documentation of FDA lot release and Supplemental testing is available on the AVIP website: <http://www.anthrax.osd.mil>

(select DOCUCENTER, then select Vaccine, FDA Release and Vaccine, Supplemental Testing).

Point nine, physician awareness of anthrax vaccine.

Response: Many physicians are not knowledgeable of anthrax vaccine because they have not had a need to be. Fortunately, anthrax outbreaks are rare in the United States. The anthrax threat is limited primarily to certain populations at-risk for contracting the disease. These include some Veterinarians, laboratory workers, and livestock workers who may be at-risk to exposure to anthrax. Physicians in areas where workers are at-risk are more likely to be familiar with the disease. Anthrax vaccine was licensed in November 1970 and has been used commercially by at-risk workers for over 30 years.

Point ten, decision to take the anthrax vaccine.

Response: There are many reasons to take anthrax vaccine. They can be summed up in three key points.

1. The threat of weaponized anthrax used against U.S. forces is very real. Anthrax has become the weapon of choice for many of our potential adversaries.
2. Inhalational anthrax is a deadly disease with death rates approaching 100 percent for unvaccinated, untreated and otherwise unprotected individuals.
3. We’re fortunate in the United States to have a safe and effective, FDA licensed vaccine to counter the threat of weaponized anthrax.

Nearly 420,000 U.S. Service Members have been administered well over 1.5 million doses of the vaccine.

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Soldier develops handgun safety innovation

By Pvt. Jody T. Fahrig  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The story of Kayla Rolland, the 6-year-old who was shot by a classmate near Flint, Mich., has saturated the media since it happened two weeks ago.

Staff Sgt. Michael Trapps has invented a device that he believes might prevent such tragedies.

Trapps, the logistics property book manager for the U.S. Army Signal Activity at Fort McNair, D.C., is the developer of a new firearm safety product, named the “Life Jacket.”

Indications are that the firearm used in the Rolland shooting had been kept loaded under a bed — an easy location for a child to access — with no safety device to keep anyone from getting hurt.

Trapp’s “Life Jacket” device fits around the grip and trigger portion of a handgun. The locking mechanism simultaneously keeps the two hinged halves of the device together while also locking the trigger of the weapon in the forward position, making it impossible for the weapon to be fired.

The case is made of durable plastic and is virtually indestructible. The inside is lined with foam to keep the firearm protected while in the case. Another feature is the pry-proof hinge, which keeps the curious out and the firearm inside.

Trapps said he first thought of the “life jacket” when tragedy struck close to him.

“About five years ago, my brother Donald’s best friend’s daughter got a hold of a handgun he kept in the house and accidentally shot herself,” Trapps said.

Although she was wounded in the neck, she survived the ordeal, Trapps said.

“I knew there was something that I could do to help prevent this kind of thing in the future,” he said.

It was at that point that Trapps, his brother Donald and friend Ed Harvey began drawing the design. Now, almost five years later, the final product is being produced at a Dayton, Ohio, factory.

Although the device fits only handguns, a rifle/shotgun model is expected sometime in April.

Several police departments and security agencies, including the Trotwood Police Department in Ohio, have tested the device. During testing, a truck was actually driven over the device to prove its virtually indestructible quality.

The “Life Jacket” is currently being sold in stores such as Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Jerry’s Sporting Goods, Elliott Brothers and BDE Quartermasters. Trapps is now waiting for approval to sell his product in Marine Corps exchanges.

The estimated retail price for the “Life Jacket” is under \$25, according to Trapps.

*(Editor’s note: Pvt. Jody T. Fahrig is assigned to the Fort Myer Public Affairs Office.)*



Army photo

Staff Sgt. Micheal Trapps displays advertising for a handgun “Life Jacket” he developed.

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gram, and we have a financial safety net called Transitional Compensation.

“What most victims are most afraid of is reprisals from the abuser and that the primary breadwinner will be either kicked out of the military or somehow lose pay as a result of being demoted or otherwise punished,” explained Delores Johnson, the Army’s FAP manager at the CFSC. “Transitional compensation was set up specifically to encourage spouses to report without fear of reprisal and to make sure there is transition pay if, in fact,

the soldier is court-martialed, loses pay or has some other kind of disciplinary or judicial action taken against him that affects the family’s income,” she said.

Congress established TC in 1994 as part of the fiscal year Department of Defense Authorization Act. The legislation authorized temporary payments at the rate specified for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. The current monthly rate is \$881 for spouses and \$217 for each child.

In response to DoD Instruction 1342.24,

the governing Army regulation (AR 608-1) was changed to reflect the new laws in 1997 and again in 1998. The TC program is centrally funded and managed at CFSC. Benefits start the date a court martial is approved or administrative separation is initiated. Payments continue for a minimum of 12 months, but cannot exceed 36 months.

Victims are also entitled to commissary and post exchange privileges as well as medical and dental care during the time they receive TC benefits.

From the beginning of the program through June 1999, there have been 300 applications from 55 Army locations. The program funding has helped 268 families including 530 children. “Transitional compensation is a wonderful tool to help those victims who need help in transitioning from abusive situations and in being more comfortable with the military as a whole in reporting abuse,” said Johnson. “We must continue to let victims, spouses, know this program exists and how it can help them.”

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a week. These 500 calories add up too easily with a reduction in activity.

Carefully monitor your portion sizes to make sure you are not eating more than your hunger guides you. Try to eliminate excess calories that don't provide any nutritional value — such as soda,



mayonnaise, gravy and alcohol. Consider the following choices to find spare calories on a limited activity “budget.”

Regular soda (12 oz.)	160 calories
Diet soda/Crystal Lite	0 calories
French fries (30-40)	355 calories
Baked potato w/salsa	236 calories
2 Tbsp mayonnaise	200 calories
2 Tbsp. mustard	0 calories
2 slices supreme pan pizza	622 calories
2 slices thin crust cheese	410 calories
Choc. chip granola bar	119 calories
1 banana	105 calories

Total Savings = 705 calories “saved” by picking the second choice in each food grouping.

Other important nutrients, such as calcium, folate and source of fat were not taken into account but play an important role in a person’s overall intake.

Monitor weight, measurements

It’s a good idea to weigh yourself weekly at the same time of day and using the same scale. This will help you monitor trends in weight gain and to make adjustments in your diet or activity quickly.

Does your weight stay about the same but your clothes fit tighter?

This may mean a loss of muscle mass and therefore, tone. Ask your

training noncommissioned officer or a Master Fitness Trainer for a courtesy taping.

In short, there are many opportunities to avoid getting into trouble with

AR 600-9, but the soldier has to be proactive. Seek out what activities are safe, start them from the beginning and watch your diet carefully.

If you find yourself gaining weight or inches, active duty soldiers can attend a weight control session with the dietitian held twice per month at RWBAHC.

Unit classes can also be scheduled by request.

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